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LBJ Bestows High Award On Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

A senior government career official in Washington who is well known in Wheeling as a frequent visitor here, and is the cousin of State Senator Chester R. Hubbard, has just been accorded the highest honor given to Federal civilian employees.

He is Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr., 48, Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and he has received the 1964 President's Award for Distinguished Service, and in addition he heard himself highly praised by President Johnson at ceremonies at the White House.

President Johnson first read the citation to Kirkpatrick: "An outstanding administrator and advisor in the field of foreign intelligence, he has been instrumental in the operational effectiveness of the Central Intelligence Agency and the foreign in-

telligence activities of our country. His distinguished career has been marked by exceptional competence, judgment, objectivity and ability to inspire his associates to their highest capabilities."

Then President Johnson said personally to Kirkpatrick:

"All of us know Lyman Kirkpatrick's remarkable and inspiring story. After a distinguished and brilliant career he was felled in 1952 by polio. In 1953, he was back at work traveling around the world as Inspector-General of the CIA.

"His contribution to his country and to the free world has been equalled by few and exceeded by none in the years that he has been restricted by a handicap that many would have regarded as an excuse for simply giving up."

Kirkpatrick is the son of Mrs. Lyde Paul Kirkpatrick, who formerly lived in Wheeling. Senator Hubbard's mother, the late Mrs. Arthur G. Hubbard, was a sister of Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

The recipient of the coveted President's Award came often to Wheeling when his mother lived here and has continued to pay regular visits to Senator Hub-

Kirkpatrick has been a member of the "intelligence community" for 21 years since he served with the famed Office of Strategic Services in World War II.

In 1951 he became director of a world-wide unit of the CIA. He remained in that post until he suffered his severe and crippling polio attack.

In spite of a permanent handicap left by the disease, he re-joined the CIA in 1953 and was appointed Executive Director in 1962.

Kirkpatrick was one of four senior career government officials to be honored by the Presidential Award in 1964.

President Johnson handed out the awards at the White House on Monday.

The other three honored were: Bromley K. Smith, Executive Secretary, National Security Council; Herbert Friedman, Superintendent, Atmosphere and Astrophysics Division, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory and John Doar, First Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

President Johnson said these four "stand tall" among the many men and women who serve their